

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (Currently amended) A method of discovering a business ~~an~~ object definition, comprising:

receiving an object and a collaboration code;

determining a business ~~an~~ object definition for said ~~an~~ object based upon said a collaboration code; and

storing said business object definition.

Claim 2. (Canceled).

Claim 3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said ~~object definition comprises a business object definition and said~~ object comprises a business object.

Claim 4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising forwarding said object and said object definition.

Claim 5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein said forwarding comprises forwarding said object and said object definition to an application adapter.

Claim 6. (Original) The method of claim 5, further comprising processing said object based upon said object definition in said application adapter.

Claim 7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said collaboration code determines how data from a second object is mapped to said object.

Claim 8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said collaboration code determines how said object is derived from said second object.

Claim 9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein said collaboration code determines

how said object is derived from said second object and a second object definition.

Claim 10. (Original) The method of claim 9, further comprising receiving said second object definition.

Claim 11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein said determining comprises determining said object definition for said object based upon said collaboration code and said second object definition.

Claim 12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said receiving comprises receiving said object and said collaboration code from a broker.

Claim 13. (Currently amended) A system for determining a business ~~discovering an~~ object definition, comprising:

means for receiving an object and a collaboration code; and

means for determining an object definition for said object based upon said collaboration code.

Claim 14. (Currently amended) The system of claim 13, wherein said ~~object definition comprises a business object definition and said~~ object comprises a business object.

Claim 15. (Original) The system of claim 13, further comprising means for forwarding said object and said object definition to an application adapter.

Claim 16. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein said collaboration code determines how data from a second object is mapped to said object.

Claim 17. (Original) The system of claim 13, further comprising means for receiving a

second object definition, wherein said collaboration code determines how said object is derived from said second object and said second object definition.

Claim 18. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein said means for determining comprises means for determining said object definition for said object based upon said collaboration code and said second object definition.

Claim 19. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein said means for receiving comprises means for receiving said object and said collaboration code from a broker.

Claim 20. (Currently amended) A business ~~An~~ object collaboration system comprising:
a reverse object discovery agent that receives a first object and a collaboration code from a broker and that ~~determines~~ ~~discovers~~ a first object definition based upon said collaboration code.

Claim 21. (Original) The system of claim 20, further comprising:
a broker that receives a second object and a second object definition and that generates said first object using said collaboration code.

Claim 22. (Original) The system of claim 21, wherein said collaboration code determines how said first object is derived from said second object.

Claim 23. (Original) The system of claim 21, wherein said collaboration code determines how said first object is derived from second object and said second object definition.

Claim 24. (Original) The system of claim 20, further comprising:
an application adapter that receives said first object and said first object definition from said reverse object discovery agent.

Claim 25. (Currently amended) A method of business object collaboration, comprising determining whether an object conforms to a known business object definition; ~~and~~ requesting a collaboration code and an input object definition if said object does not conform to a known object definition;
receiving said collaboration code and said input object definition; and
storing said collaboration code and said input object definition.

Claim 26. (Original) The method of claim 25, further comprising analyzing said collaboration code and said input object definition.

Claim 27. (Original) The method of claim 26, further comprising creating a new object definition based upon the results of said analyzing.

Claim 28. (Original) The method of claim 25, further comprising forwarding said object if said object conforms to a known object definition.

Claim 29. (Currently amended) The method of claim 25, wherein said object comprises a business object ~~and said object definition comprises a business object definition.~~

Claim 30. (Original) The method of claim 25, further comprising forwarding said new object definition to an application adapter.

Claim 31. (Original) The method of claim 30, further comprising receiving a subscription from said application adapter for said new object definition.

Claim 32. (Original) The method of claim 31, further comprising forwarding said object in response to said subscription.

Claim 33. (Currently amended) A method for deploying computing infrastructure,

comprising:

integrating computer-readable code into a computing system,

the computer-readable code comprising:

instructions for receiving an object and a collaboration code; ~~and~~

instructions for determining a business ~~an~~ object definition for said object based upon said collaboration code; and

instructions for storing said business object definition.

Claim 34. (Currently amended) The method of claim 33, wherein said object comprises a business object ~~and said object definition comprises a business object definition.~~

Claim 35. (Original) The method of claim 33, further comprising instructions for forwarding said new object definition to an application adapter.

Claim 36. (Original) The method of claim 35, further comprising instructions for receiving a subscription from said application adapter for said new object definition.

Claim 37. (Original) The method of claim 36, further comprising instructions for forwarding said object in response to said subscription.